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NAME: RUES, Dr. Jur. Hans Erich **SECURITY INFORMATION**

DOB: 25 May 1911, Esslingen

ADDRESS: Esslingen, Panoramastr. 55

OCCUPATION: lawyer

PROJECT: KIBITZ stay-behind, U.S. element

POSITION IN PROJECT: Proposed team leader

SALARY: None, only occasional gifts or gratuities

CLEARANCE STATUS: cleared per MOKN-11309, 10 January 1952

SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND: Subject, a native Esslinger, has a sort of Junker-like background. Attended Hochschule and University of Tübingen, where he acquired several duelling scars he proudly sports. He joined the SA in 1933 and went into the Allgemeine SS, later in wartime transferred to the Waffen SS, and held the rank of Colonel. He joined the NSDAP in 1937. In 1941 he went on active duty and served in the Eastern, Balkan, and Italian fronts. After the war, because of his Nazi record, he was interned two years and after release, was made to clean out the cesspools in his own neighborhood for six months. Since that time he has built up a successful and going law practice in Esslingen. He is married and has three children.

MOTIVATION AND PERSONALITY:

- a. **Motivations:** Subject, instead of being bitter over his treatment after the war, became a humbled and determined person and seems to have a very reasonable attitude towards the whole situation. He is unquestionably anti-Communist, but at the time of his recruitment, November, 1950, he said that he, in view of his background and previous adventures, did not wish to play a large role of leadership in such an operation. He did express willingness to take part. He will not be given W/T training because he has no time. But we do see him as possibly the leader of a small team.
- b. **Personality:** He is a man of energy and ambition. As a lawyer, he is forceful and persuasive. He is still quite active in sports and works tirelessly. He is at the same time reasonable and has good common sense.

ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER AGENTS/PROJECTS: None

LAST CORRESPONDENCE FROM BASE: MQQA-2486, 21 March 1952

SECURITY EVALUATION AND COMMENTS: Subject has been in contact with [USG Person] [USG Person] and [USG Person]. In general his security is rather good, the main hazard being that he is a former SS officer, but the Russians evidently have forgiven them all their sins. One excellent factor in his security is that the Land Commissioner's office in 1950 asked him to defend a bunch of local Communist Youth's on trial for posting anti-American propaganda, and thus he has ingratiated himself with the local Commies, and increased his stayability.

ABOVE PREPARED BY: [USG Person] and [USG Person]

DATE: 23 December 1952

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